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AMENDMENT

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Responsive to the Official Action dated September 18, 2000, please amend the
above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 12, line 9, change "a DA" to --a conventional AD--; and change "and AD" to
--a DA--.

IN THE CLAIMS

Cancel claims 1 through 20 without prejudice, and substitute the following
therefor:

--21. A method of treating chemical cellulose pulp from an alkaline pulping
process with chlorine dioxide comprising:

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